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SUBJECT: 1974 COCOM LIST REVIEW: IML-20 SUPERCONDUCTIVE WIRE

REFS: A. COCOM DOC ML-20/1.5

B. COCOM DOC ML-20/1.2

C. STATE 267944

1. US-PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS (REF A) TO GERMAN PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE SUB-ITEM.(B)(1)(REF B) MET WITH NEGATIVE REACTIONS AND ON SUGGESTION OF GERDEL WERE REMANDED BACK TO THE DEF SERIES FOR CONSIDERATION WITH DISCUSSION SCHEDULED FOR THE REGULAR COCOM MEETING ON JAN. 13, 1976.

2. USDEL'S CONFIRMATION OF US UNDERSTANDING RE SUB-ITEM (B), AS PER INSTRUCTIONS (REF C), EVOKED CONFUSION AS TO ITS MEANING. MOST DELS APPARENTLY INTERPRETED THIS STATEMENT AS SOMEHOW COMMITTING THEM TO SOME FORM OF A DISGUISED EMBARGO AND WERE SUSPICIOUS OF US INTENT. THE FRENCH (GAMET) ASKED A SERIES OF COMPLEX TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AS WELL AS FOR A DIAGRAM OF THE WIRE IN THE COPPER MATRIX THE US WAS CONCERNED ABOUT. USDEL, UNACCOMPANIED BY A TECHNICAL EXPERT, WAS UNABLE TO SUPPLY SATISFACTORY ANSWERS TO THIS BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS. (MISKELL NEXT DAY DREW A DIAGRAM WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON
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FOR CLEARANCE BEFORE BEING PASSED ON TO THE FRENCH.) THE

FRENCH CONSIDERED IT NON-PRODUCTIVE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON A PROPOSAL WHICH EVEN THE AUTHORS COULD NOT EXPLAIN. (THE FRENCH INTERROGATION-WHICH INCLUDED SUCH QUESTIONS AS WHY THE LACK OF MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES FOR 40 MICRONS DIAMETER AND WHY THE TERM "NOMINAL" WAS NOT USED--IS BEST LEFT FOR THE RECORD OF DISCUSSION.)

3. THE GERDEL SCORED THE US FOR THE LATENESS OF ITS PROPOSAL WHICH WAS, HE SAID, PREFACED BY A COMPLEX STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGED THE INTENT OF THE GERMAN PROPOSAL (REF B). THE UK SUPPORTED THE GERMANS AND THEIR PROPOSAL, WHICH THE UK CONSIDERED AS AN ATTEMPT TO REACH AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF THE ROUND IV CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTRY. THE OUCOME IS AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 1.
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